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In re Application of :
Donald K. Wright, et al. :
Application No. 10/039,527 : REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION
Filed: November 7, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 212760.01.9053 :

A petition was filed, on September 24, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 for the benefit of prior-filed nonprovisional Application No. 09/415,696, filed October 12, 1999. The petition was dismissed in a decision mailed January 14, 2005. On February 22, 2005, a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) was filed.

The decision on the renewed petition is being held in abeyance for a period of TWO MONTHS from the date of this communication to permit petitioner to address the following matter.

As stated above, the renewed petition was filed on February 22, 2005. However, the petition did not reach the appropriate official in sufficient time to avert the issuance of the application into U.S. Patent No. 6,863,754 on March 8, 2005. Therefore, petitioner is encouraged to submit a Certificate of Correction (fee \$100) to include the benefit claim for Application No. 09/415,696, filed October 12, 1999.

The response to this Requirement for Information should include a cover letter entitled "Response to Requirement for Information."

At the end of the two month period specified above, a decision will be rendered on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) as supplemented by any information submitted in response to this Requirement for Information.

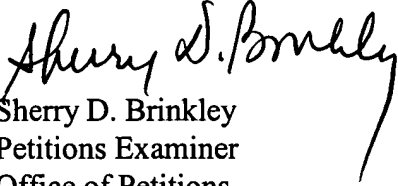
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